

Foothill Mutual Threat Zone (MTZ)

Communications Plan

Foothill Mutual Threat Zone

- Primarily for the front country agencies along the 210 Freeway
- Can be used in Area C; map.
- Found in VHF TICP Zone 7
- T7

Safety Reminder

- Fire Order #7 Maintain prompt communication with your forces, your supervisor and adjoining forces.
- Watch Out Situation #7 No communication link with crew members or supervisor

Foothill Mutual Threat Zone

- Starting August 1st 2013
- All brush or vegetation fire responses in Area C and adjoining forces/departments (LFD-LAC-ANF), where a 5-engine assignment is dispatched
- Puts all local resources on same communication plan; allows for outside cooperators to be on same comm. plan
- **THIS IS A VHF PLAN**

Sample Dispatch

- E____, E____, E____, E____, E____, RA____, BC____, BC ____brush fire.
<Address>. <Cross-Street and Cross-Street>. **Utilize Foothill Communications Plan VHF TICP Zone 7**
- **Verdugo will work with LAC at time of dispatch to determine Command channel assignment and will broadcast after dispatch on RED-1 & RED-8 what the Command channel assignment is:**
 - **Command is LAC _____, Admin is Red 8, Primary Tactical is VFIRE ____, Secondary Tactical is VFIRE ____, Air to Ground is ____ A/G**
- VHF Zone **T7** Foothill Mutual Threat Zone Communications Plan,

Dispatch (cont.)

- You will get
- Admin Channel ICIS Red 8
- Command* LAC V3, V4 or V5
- Air 2 Ground* XLC A/G or LAC A/G
- Tactical* VFIRE 23 or 24 or 25 or 26

* Depending on location of incident and channel availability; it is likely to be different – listen for changes.

Enroute

- UHF Radio RED 8 Verdugo Admin
- VHF Radio LAC V____ Command

Initial Size Up

- **MUST** be done on both channels.
 - RED-8 so Verdugo can hear; recorded
 - VHF Command Channel so incoming MTZ units can hear. **Not recorded, not received at Verdugo.**

Radio Monitoring

- IC will monitor:
 - Verdugo Admin Channel
 - VHF Command Channel
 - VHF Tactical Channel(s)
 - Air to Ground

Radio Monitoring

- Once command is transferred from first in company officer to Battalion Chief, the company officer will not longer have to monitor the Verdugo Admin Channel

ITEMS TO INCLUDE IN BRUSH SIZE UP

- AFD SOG 100 Incident Command
 - Location of fire by address or intersection. If an intersection, identify which side, e.g., N, W, S, E.
WHAT CITY/JURISDICTION
 - Size of fire in acres.
 - Type of fuel (e.g., light brush, grass, etc.)
 - Speed of spread.
 - Spread direction.
 - Special instructions if needed (e.g., homes or values threatened).

Brush Follow Up Report

- What mode are you operating under?
- Which VHF tactical frequency are you using?
- Staging Area?
- Additional Alarms?

Mutual Threat Zone First Alarm Assignments (**Potentially** Incoming)

- XLC
 - 5 Type I Engines, 1 Type III Engine, 2 BCs
- LAC
 - 7 Type I, 1 patrol, 4 hand crews, 1 dozer, 3 rotor wing, 1 water tender, 2 BC
- LFD
 - 6 Type I, 1 LightForce, 3 Rotor Wing, 2 BC
- ANF
 - 5 Type III, 2 hand crews, 1 BC

Unified Command

- Which jurisdiction is the fire in?
- Who will be the ordering point?
 - If mission or threat is greatest or direction of fire is headed somewhere other than Area C, then work to determine which agency should be Ordering Point.

Time to Practice

- Modify the following as needed for your agency

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- Dispatch
- E101, E102, E105, E106, E107, RA 106, BC 10, BC 105 brush fire. 2217 Canyon Road. Cielo and Monte. Utilize Foothill Mutual Threat Zone Communications Plan. Admin Red 8, Command LAC V____, Tactical VFIRE ____ and ____, Air to Ground ____ A/G

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- Dispatch
- E101, E37, E105, E106, E107, RA 106, BC 10, BC 105 brush fire. Santa Anita Canyon Road. Arno and the dead end. Utilize Foothill Mutual Threat Zone Communications Plan. Admin Red 8, Command LAC V____, Tactical VFIRE ____ and _____, Air to Ground ____ A/G

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- Dispatch
- E37, E101, E102, E106, E107, Squad 101, BC 10, BC 105 brush fire. 336 Madison Ave. Scenic and the dead end. Utilize Foothill Mutual Threat Zone Communications Plan. Admin Red 8, Command LAC V____, Tactical VFIRE ____ and ____, Air to Ground ____ A/G

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- Dispatch
- E101, E102, E105, E106, E91, Squad 101, BC 10, BC 105 brush fire. 225 Scenic Drive. Madison and Highland. Utilize Foothill Mutual Threat Zone Communications Plan. Admin Red 8, Command LAC V____, Tactical VFIRE ____ and ____, Air to Ground ____ A/G

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- Dispatch
- E37, E101, E105, E106, E107, RA 105, BC 10, BC 105 brush fire. Wilderness Park 2240 Highland Oaks Drive. Topaz and Highland Vista. Utilize Foothill Mutual Threat Zone Communications Plan. Admin Red 8, Command LAC V____, Tactical VFIRE ____ and ____, Air to Ground ____ A/G

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- Dispatch
- E101, E102, E105, E106, E107, Squad, BC 10, BC 105 brush fire. 1200 N. Canyon Blvd. Oakglade and Ridgeside.. Utilize Foothill Mutual Threat Zone Communications Plan. Admin Red 8, Command LAC V____, Tactical VFIRE ____ and ____, Air to Ground ____ A/G

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Wrap Up

- This is a detailed dispatch. As with all dispatches, crews need to be able to listen the information. A lot of information is being passed on regarding frequencies

Conclusion

- Know your radios
- Know your frequencies
- Have you radio cheat sheets handy. Not in your turnout locker, food locker, or mail tray
- Take the necessary time to make sure all companies are in communication

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Questions?